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## **Arlington Public Schools Names Director of Guidance and Social Emotional Learning**

Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, has announced the hiring of Sara Fernandes Burd as Director of Guidance and Social Emotional Learning for the Arlington Public Schools. She will begin her work in the district in the 2017-18 school year.

Ms. Burd is currently the Director of Social Emotional Learning in the Reading Public Schools. In addition, she serves as a Commission Member on the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Commission on Safe and Supportive Schools. Ms. Burd is also a member of the Council of Distinguished Educators who advise the National Commission for Social Emotional and Academic Development.

Ms. Burd is also an adjunct professor at Lesley University's Institute for Trauma Studies in its Graduate School of Education. She is already familiar to many Arlington educators, as the instructor for Lesley University's *The Impact of Trauma on Learning* course that has been offered on site in the Arlington Public Schools.

Superintendent Kathleen Bodie stated, "We are pleased to bring a highly qualified professional to this district-wide position in Arlington. We look forward to Sara Fernandes Burd joining our team as we work to ensure that the district is a place where all our students learn to succeed in all dimensions."